

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method for processing an electronic mail (e-mail) message having an attachment, comprising:

receiving as input from a sender the e-mail message and the attachment for transmission to a recipient;

receiving as input from the sender an instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment on a computer of the sender;

sending the e-mail message and the attachment to the recipient; and

responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment, saving, on the computer of the sender, the e-mail message without the attachment.

Claim 22 (currently amended): Apparatus for processing an electronic mail (e-mail) message having an attachment, comprising a computer, which comprises:

a data port;

a memory; and

a processor, arranged to receive from a sender using the computer an instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment in the memory of the computer, arranged to actuate the data port to send the e-mail message and the attachment to a recipient, and arranged to save the e-mail message in the memory of the computer without the attachment responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A computer program product for processing an electronic mail (e-mail) message having an attachment, the product comprising a computer-readable medium having program instructions embodied therein, which instructions, when read by a computer, cause the computer to:

receive as input from a sender using the computer the e-mail message and the attachment for transmission to a recipient;

receive as input from the sender an instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment on the computer;

send the e-mail message and the attachment to the recipient; and

responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment, save, on the computer, the e-mail message without the attachment.

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein receiving the instruction as the input comprises receiving the instruction as the input at a time of writing of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein receiving the instruction as the input comprises receiving the instruction as the input at a time of sending of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein saving the e-mail message without the attachment comprises saving, with the e-mail message, information identifying the attachment.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein saving the e-mail message without the attachment comprises saving a name of the attachment with the e-mail message.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, comprising receiving as input from the sender a designation of a first set of one or more recipients and a designation of a second set of one or more recipients, wherein sending the e-mail message and the attachment to the recipient comprises:

sending the e-mail message and the attachment to the first set of one or more recipients; and

sending the e-mail message without the attachment to the second set of one or more recipients.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to receive the instruction at a time of writing of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to receive the instruction at a time of sending of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to save information identifying the attachment with the e-mail message in the memory.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to save a name of the attachment with the e-mail message in the memory.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to:

receive a designation of a first set of one or more recipients and a designation of a second set of one or more recipients,

actuate the data port to send the e-mail message and the attachment to the first set of one or more recipients, and

actuate the data port to send the e-mail message without the attachment to the second set of one or more recipients.

Claim 35 (canceled)

Claim 36 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to receive the instruction at a time of writing of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to receive the instruction at a time of sending of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to save, with the e-mail message, information identifying the attachment.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to save a name of the attachment with the e-mail message.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

receive as input from the sender a designation of a first set of one or more recipients and a designation of a second set of one or more recipients,

send the e-mail message and the attachment to the first set of one or more recipients, and

send the e-mail message without the attachment to the second set of one or more recipients.